

THE COLEOPTERA OF ALABAMA

The Geological Survey of Alabama (University, Alabama) has recently published as Monograph 11, a "Catalogue of the Beetles of Alabama" by the late Henry Peter Löding. Mr. Löding began his catalogue many years ago and at the time of his death, February 26, 1942, it was practically finished. The species are numbered to correspond with the Leng Catalogue and the distribution, for most of the species, appears to be on a state and county basis. According to the introduction, a lack of time and space prevented the inclusion of information on feeding habits, economic importance, etc., of most of the species, but food plants and habits are recorded for some. At the end of the catalogue there is a summary of habits, by principal families, a tabular summary of families, genera and species, indexes of families, genera, common names, and collectors.

The Löding Catalogue lists 2,770 species and varieties, in 1,041 genera and 88 families. Smith's New Jersey List (1910) contains 3,092 species of Coleoptera, and Leonard's New York List (1928) contains 4,546. However, recent supplements to these two lists have increased these totals. Students of animal distribution and coleopterists will welcome the Löding Catalogue as a contribution to the more exact recording of coleopterous species in the United States.—ED.